

REMARKS

In the Office Action that was mailed on October 7, 2003, claims 32-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Healey et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,013,140) ("Healey"); claims 32-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamamoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,162,944) ("Yamamoto"); claims 32-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by DeJule et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,317,445) ("DeJule"); and claims 23-31 are allowed. [The foregoing rejection] are respectfully traversed.

Claims 23-38 are pending in the subject application, of which claims 23, 32, 33, 35, 36, and 38 are independent claims.

Entry of Amendment After Final Rejection:

The Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments presented herein require only a cursory review by the examiner, and respectfully requests that the examiner enter such amendments.

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 32-38 are canceled herein. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter.

Rejections of the Claims:

In item 6, on page 5 of the Office Action, the examiner indicated that claims 23-31 are allowed. After cancellation of claims 32-38, only allowed claims 23-31 remain in the subject application. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejections is respectfully requested.

There being no further objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested. Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned

to attend to these matters. If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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